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NEXUS AMONG BUILDERS, BUREAUCRATS AND DDA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a): whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Jagmohan indicts BJP-run Municipal body` and `PM pats Jagmohan for attacking building mafia` appearing in the `Hindustan Times` and `Indian Express` dated April 16, 2000;

(b): if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c): whether the Malhotra Committee appointed by the Government had nexus with the builder mafia;

(d): if so, the details thereof;

(e): whether there is any nexus among builders, bureaucrats and DDA;

(f): if so, the action taken by the government in this regard;
(g): whether the objectives of setting up the special task force has been defeated in curbing the unauthorised building activeities;
(h): if so, whether the plots sanctioned for a particular purpose by DDA has been changed into commercial offices where cinema halls were functioning; and
(i): if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(g): The Government have seen these reports; but their contents are rather speculative. However, certain cases of posh colonies, involving serious violations of building bye-laws and requirements of layout-plans and service plans, have been referred to the CBI for investigations/enquiry. Further action would be taken after the results of the investigation/enquiry are available. So far as the Task Force is concerned, it is taking action in cases where unauthorised constructions or encroachments on public land are referred to it by the Local Body/Authority and the help of Police and other administrative agencies is required.

(h)& (i): DDA has reported that commercial offices are permitted on cinema plot besides cinema hall.